

MR. KATKOFF AND THE CZAR.

The Editor of the Vedomosti Makes Gr

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—Michael N. Katkoff, the editor of the Moscow *Vedomosti*, is one of the few men who have been entitled to a hearing. Since the *Pravoslavnik* (Order), and the other liberal periodicals have been suppressed, Katkoff is the only Russian journalist to command general attention here. He is called "the Moscow Jupiter," the Prophet of the "Sage," and the "Sage" is the name of his character. He is generally respected. When the *Vedomosti* begins to thunder, you may be sure that a storm is rising on the Russian political horizon. When Katkoff spares not printers' ink, somebody's back will not be spared. It is a political weapon. It is not to be used lightly. "Police nobles," "landowners," "journalists, and high officials," including Ministers, have been struck by hundreds of the Moscow Jupiter. When enjoying the favor of the Government or opposing under its ban, Mr. Katkoff never ceases to belabour one or another of the powers that be. He is full of vigor, and his words are as telling as they were a quarter of a century ago.

The present Czar seems to be particularly disposed to listen to the counsels of the Moscow Sage. A number of his opponents have been speedily removed, and his best friends have been appointed in their stead. The old editor himself has been nearly called to the account. Nevertheless, although nearly three years have passed since Alexander II. died, the Moscow Czar has been carried upon by the Moscow Cato has been carried off by the Moscow Jupiter.

Whatever on this account, or for some other reason, the Government has become angry, and begun to thunder, and Katkoff has been launched at the Government, and has been doing an admirable work of destruction here. The Government was particularly angry at Katkoff's attack on the Minister of the Interior, the autocrat. In short, Mr. Katkoff has made such grave charges against the Government, that the Government would have sent any other editor to Siberia.

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Perapsas Mr. Ratkoff is right, the money we
that the official circles are full of secure
embezzlement, and traitors."

**The King of Siam Kneels Elephants, but
is Not Neced.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEI: I
just received the information regarding what
elephants taken from a country where they
were in Bangkok, the capital of Siam, in 1878. D.

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... * * * When a sacred elephant is
loaded on a couple of united stout boats, and
down the river and buried in the sea with all the
superstitious devotion can devise.

From Bangkok I expected you would be
Hogak to see huge, snow white colossal
animal in size to John's levathan, but judge my
eyes! I saw the monstrous that eye fancy paid
saw in what is called a "sacred elephant," but
sized rat-eared elephants, numbering about
down, not one of which was equal in size to Ethel
of Columbia, the elephants exhibited by R.

A queer custom here the sacred elephant's
search, in June or July. All work is then
The temples are open religious processions, be-
lieve I pronounce the streets and visit the
where the elephants are paraded, carrying
illuminations, fireworks, and dancing all
sweety one in unity. All these rejoinders are
every time an elephant is born among the King's
The King is then crowned with the
case, but did not see any more of the
ship them, as represented by pictures, in groups
C. When I was a schoolboy, Nor do I believe
by the Khamor, to elephants, or any other
through into the river, some of which animals are
ship, saluting us with their foul odor, but the
the men and women are created in places the